

Worksession

Agenda Item #	9
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Discussion Item	Trash Truck Replacement
Background	<p>The City has a trash truck fleet of 3 trucks. The City last replaced 2 trash trucks in 1998. The Department was scheduled to replace the 3rd truck in 2001. That replacement has been delayed each year.</p> <p>City collection requires two trucks every day, the third truck is a back-up truck to cover break down or scheduled maintenance of the other 2 trucks. All three trucks are used for collection after holidays when two routes are collected in one day. Ideally each truck would be rotated into the fleet to provide even wear on the trucks. This practice has not occurred for several years due to the age of the back-up truck.</p> <p>The current back-up truck is 17 years old, 4 years beyond the City's Vehicle Replacement criteria for trash trucks. There are components on the truck that can no longer be replaced if they fail, due to the age of the vehicle - including engine parts. The suspension of the vehicle is compromised due to age. This issue is important to the safety of the vehicle because, when loaded, the vehicle carries over 20 tons of trash. To continue using the vehicle as a back-up we can anticipate spending about \$4,000 in the near future for rear suspension work.</p> <p>The City of Alexandria has awarded a trash truck contract which is available to the City. The current price for a new 31-yard, rear load trash truck was quoted as \$169,067. The contract extends through FY 06. However, the price will rise due to increasing steel costs. The contract awardee, Weber Volvo anticipates a 6% increase (about \$10,000) to purchase the same truck in July, 2005.</p> <p>Funds are available in the Equipment Replacement Reserve to buy a trash truck. The programmed replacement cost for this trash truck is \$125,000. The actual replacement cost exceeds that by \$44,000. The shortfall can be covered within the assets of the Equipment Replacement Reserve which has a current balance of \$989,917.75.</p>
Policy	The City Council approves vehicle replacement.
Fiscal Impact	Expenditure of \$169,067 from the Equipment Replacement Reserve. There will need to be a budget amendment.
Attachments	none
Recommendation	The Council will discuss the purchase of a new trash truck.
Special Consideration	